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Identical letters dated 22 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you with regard to the latest report of the IAEA Director General on the peaceful nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran (GOV/2008/4) issued on 22 February 2008. As you may have already noticed, the said report declares the full implementation of the Work Plan concluded between Iran and IAEA in August 2007 (INFCIRC/711) and, thus, resolution and closure of all outstanding issues. IAEA had already declared on 15 November 2007 (GOV/2007/58) that three out of six outstanding issues were resolved, and the three remaining issues are now declared resolved and closed in the recent report. In this regard, the IAEA Director General has stressed in the report that "the Agency has been able to conclude that answers provided by Iran, in accordance with the Work Plan, are consistent with its findings" and "considers those questions no longer outstanding". Moreover, the Director General, in his remarks after the release of the report, emphasized the resolution of the outstanding issues and stated, "we have managed to clarify all the remaining outstanding issues, including the most important issue which is the scope and nature of Iran's enrichment programme".

The report also clearly attests to the exclusively peaceful nature of the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran, both in the past and at present, and also serves to strongly and unambiguously support my country's long-standing position that the allegations raised by a certain country against the peaceful nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been entirely groundless. By implementation of the Work Plan and resolution of the outstanding issues, the very pretexts and allegations, on the basis of which unlawful and unfair actions have been taken by the Security Council against Iran's peaceful nuclear programme, have now proved to be baseless and are gone.

It is now clear more than ever that the consideration of Iran's peaceful nuclear programme was imposed on the Security Council by certain countries out of mere political motivations and narrow national interests and on the basis of certain pretexts and allegations which have been totally baseless. The full implementation of the Work Plan, and thus resolution and closure of the outstanding issues as reflected in the recent IAEA Director General's report, has eliminated those pretexts and allegations which served as the basis of referral of Iran's peaceful nuclear programme to the Security Council.

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This report, together with other IAEA reports and statements of the Agency officials, well indicate that Iran has been resolute in its cooperation with the Agency and fully transparent in its nuclear activities. It also shows that the Iranian nation is committed to its international obligations and at the same time persistent in pursuing and exercising its legal and inalienable rights. The report also clearly stresses that Iran's cooperation with IAEA has been proactive and far beyond its comprehensive Safeguards Agreement obligations.

The report of the Director General to the Board of Governors of IAEA further stresses that "the Agency has recently received from Iran additional information similar to that which Iran had previously provided pursuant to the Additional Protocol, as well as updated design information. As a result, the Agency's knowledge about Iran's current declared nuclear programme has become clearer ... The Agency has been able to continue to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material in Iran. Iran has provided the Agency with access to declared nuclear material and has provided the required nuclear material accountancy reports in connection with declared nuclear material and activities. Iran has also responded to questions and provided clarifications and amplifications on the issues raised in the context of the work plan", and "has provided access to individuals in response to the Agency's requests". In this regard, the IAEA Director General stressed in his remarks after the release of the report that "Iran in the last few months has provided us with visits to many places that enable us to have a clearer picture of Iran's current programme".

In view of the above and in the wake of the latest report of IAEA, it has become clear that Iran's peaceful nuclear issue should be dealt with by the Agency as the sole pertinent international organization and, as envisaged in the Work Plan, safeguards implementation in Iran has to be in a routine manner from now on. The Security Council should avoid inflicting more damage to the credibility and authority of IAEA as well as its own credibility by persisting in further illegal and illogical engagement and actions pursued by few countries. The present great achievement that is the conclusion of the Work Plan, which is the fruitful result of an excellent joint intensive cooperation between IAEA and the Islamic Republic of Iran, has to be safeguarded by all United Nations Member States, and the international community at large.

I would appreciate if you would kindly circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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